



WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 12, 1904.

## From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.

In the Supreme Court this afternoon arguments were heard in the Fayerweather will case, former Secretary of War Root presenting the case of the colleges, universities, etc., beneficiaries under the will, Roger M. Sherman, also of New York, arguing for the heirs. Fayerweather was a wealthy leather manufacturer of New York and left the bulk of an estate valued at nearly seven million dollars to some twenty colleges and universities. The widow and other heirs received but insignificant bequests. The cases of the Western Union Telegraph Co. versus the Pennsylvania Railroad were today reassigned to next Wednesday's docket. The important case set for argument tomorrow is that of W. K. Vanderbilt against Collector of Internal Revenue Ferdinand E. Egan. Wm. K. Vanderbilt and others were required to pay a legacy tax of \$311,781 on the estate of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. The money was paid under protest, and the case in the Supreme Court now involves the constitutionality of that tax.

The democrats of this city will hold a ratification mass meeting at Convention Hall to night. The list of speakers includes the names of ex-Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas; Representative Burleson, of Texas; Henry St. George Tucker, of Texas; and others.

The report of the Slocum commission, which has been in the hands of President Roosevelt for several days, will be given out for publication Monday. It will contain startling revelations of the disaster which the commission investigated. The recommendation of the commission will include not only suggestions as to what line of action should be pursued by the government relative to the Slocum disaster itself, but also a draft of such legislation as will further regulate excursion steamers and add to the safety of the public.

John Barrett, U. S. Minister to Panama, called at the White House this afternoon to confer with the President about the differences that have arisen between the administration and the government of the new republic. "The stories of trouble have been greatly exaggerated," said Minister Barrett after talking with President Roosevelt.

Fred Ruck, "The Frisco Kid," who traveled all the way from San Francisco to shine President Roosevelt's shoes, was received at the White House today. The President came out into the ante room and compromised on a handshake instead of submitting his understandings to the "Kid's" manipulations.

An important conference was held at the White House this afternoon by the President, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. William White, formerly Chief Naval Constructor of the British Navy; Rear Admiral W. L. Capps, Chief Naval Constructor of the United States; Rear Admiral Converse, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation; Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers, Rear Admiral R. D. Evans and Commander Sims, inspector of target practice of the United States Navy.

The general subject of battleship construction was considered, views being exchanged between Sir William White, representing Great Britain, and the American naval officials. The conference was called by the President, Sir William White being asked to attend.

**FOREIGN NEWS.**  
A bulletin issued at Walter Castle this morning announced that Lady Curzon passed a fair night. Her condition, however, still remains serious.

The Caesar-walks of 25 sovereigns with 500 sovereigns added, were won at New Market, England today by Horatio Bottomley's "Wargrave" with Sharpley up. Sir James Miller's "Boulevard," ridden by Maher, finished second, and J. C. Sullivan's "War Wolf," with Higgs up, was third. Twenty horses ran.

A well-known merchant of Oporto, Portugal, named Manuel Vinhas was attacked by brigands today, and robbed of a large sum of money. In the struggle Vinhas received 28 wounds, the majority of them being mortal. Similar attacks by brigands are reported almost daily, and the newspapers are demanding that the Portuguese government immediately adopt measures to prevent them.

The Berlin Tageblatt reports further indications of a more liberal regime for Russia under the new Minister of the Interior, Prince Mirsky. The minister, the paper says, has granted to Jews emigrating from Russia free railway transportation as far as the frontier. He has also permitted the followers of Count Tolstoy and other sectarians, whom M. Plehve expelled from Russia, to return.

**THE CLASH OF WAR.**  
Once more the Russian and Japanese armies are engaged in a bloody and desperate struggle for the mastery in Manchuria. This time Kurapatkin, although having sustained a temporary check, appears to be forcing the fighting with the dogged determination that characterized the Japanese commander in the recent great battles about Liaoyang.

The Russians Sunday crossed the Schell river and the Japanese fell back to within three miles of Yantai. Then, strongly reinforced, the Japanese Monday, by a terrific artillery fire, forced the Russians to fall back across the river. Undaunted, the Czar's soldiers again crossed the stream, and a dispatch from Mukden, filed at 11 o'clock last night, stated that a heavy artillery engagement was in progress along the entire front.

The Russian war office officials, however, say they do not regard the severe fighting and temporary check of Kurapatkin's advance as indicating a general engagement.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, says he would not be surprised if Kurapatkin, instead of continuing a frontal advance, should launch the whole of his army against Kuroki's flanking force. The result of the present move, the Baron believes, is almost as vital to one side as to the other.

**Disappearance of Barges.**  
New York, Oct. 12.—During a violent wind and rain storm early this morning, three barges loaded with coal, broke loose from their moorings at 76th street and East river, and were driven down the river at great speed. On board the barges were the captains and their families, numbering it is believed, from 12 to 15 persons. Cries of help were shrieked from the barges, but no boats went to their rescue. At daylight the barges had disappeared and no one knows what has become of them, but the police believe they were either carried to sea or were sunk.

## News of the Day.

Lord Milner has resigned the high commissioner of South Africa on account of ill health. He is likely to be succeeded at Capetown by Sir Edward Ward.

The imported stallion Meddler, owned by the late William C. Whitney, was sold yesterday to Matthew Corbett for \$51,000 at the dispersal sale of the Whitney stud at Madison Square, Garden, New York.

After a courtship of a week, Wold Berenson, aged 93 years, and Mrs. Annie M. Goldman, aged 62, were married Monday night at the home of the bride, in Worcester, Mass., by Rabbi Herman Silver. Berenson has living seven children, sixty-three grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Convention now in session in Boston yesterday voted in favor of consecrating a bishop of Cuba. The Cuba field is now under the supervision of Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, Bishop of Porto Rico. It is understood that if the House of Deputies indorses the action of the bishops, a diocese for Cuba will be chosen at the present convention.

News has reached Halifax, N. S., of the wreck of the little steamer Call of New London, Prince Edward Island, during last Saturday's gale, with the loss, it is believed, of all on board, some nineteen souls, of whom fourteen were passengers, all men. The Call was a new vessel, and had been busily engaged during the last six months in plying between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island ports on a regular packet service.

Because Rev. Edgar J. Hellman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Wyndmoor, Pa., finally decided that Miss Blanche Gertrude Keck, of Altoona, did not come up to the requirements of a clergyman's wife, he is now the defendant in a suit for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise. The case was on at court in Philadelphia yesterday. After seeing her grace and beauty the spectators wanted to know what the minister expected anyhow. It was not denied by the pastor that he had promised to marry the girl, but he said later he found she was socially not his equal. The case was finally submitted on a question of damages only, he contending that the amount asked was excessive. Some loving letters from the preacher to the girl were read.

## Virginia News.

A. J. Throckmorton, of Culpeper, and Miss Emma Jennings, of Orange county, were married at the residence of Maj. W. Jennings, near Earlysville, Albemarle county, a day or two ago. Rev. J. J. White officiating.

Miss Lillie Painter, daughter of Supervisor W. H. Painter, of Warren, died Monday night of typhoid fever, aged about eighteen years. Mr. Painter also lost a son from the same disease in Newport News last week.

Deputy Sheriff Hall, of Charlottesville, charged with the summoning of witnesses for the prosecution in the McCue murder case, has been unable to find anywhere in the city or county the McCue children, who, with a relative of that family, are probably in the county.

Harold M. Huff, son of Dr. T. C. Huff, and a member of the University of Virginia law class of 1890, and Miss Katherine Bagby, daughter of the late Dr. Richard Morris Bagby, were married Monday afternoon at the residence of Dr. Hugh T. Nelson, at Charlottesville.

C. J. Pullian, a farmer of Spotsylvania county, lost two large barns by fire early Monday morning. In the barns were thirteen valuable mules, five tons of hay, a large lot of harness, etc., together with other valuable property, all of which was consumed. The origin of the fire is not known.

In a few weeks the diocese of Virginia will have two new priests, who were ordained at All Hallows' Seminary, Ireland, last June. It is not known where they will be assigned but the demand for priests is so great throughout the State that there is very little likelihood of their being located in Richmond.

The republican Congressional convention to nominate a candidate for Congress from the Fourth district of Virginia was held in Petersburg yesterday. The convention nominated Judge Charles Alexander, of Mecklenburg county. Postmaster Smith Bolling, of Petersburg, declined to accept the nomination.

Monday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, at Bedford Springs, Miss Laura Arthur, aged seventeen, was burned to death. She and her mother, lived in a small two story frame dwelling. Miss Arthur was asleep in bed when her mother lighted a lamp, which she left in the room, and then went out to the kitchen. While her mother was out the lamp was supposed to have exploded. The house was almost immediately a mass of flames, and before neighbors arrived the walls were falling in. The remains of Miss Arthur were taken out of the ruins and interred yesterday.

The recent epidemic of burglaries and holdups in and about Norfolk has caused a phenomenal increase in the number of residents who may lawfully carry concealed weapons. Between four and five hundred citizens of Norfolk are now carrying concealed pistols by license, and every day others are applying to the court and receiving permission to do likewise. The law gives a man the right to carry a weapon when he considers his life in danger and he can establish a good character to the satisfaction of the court. Residents of the city seem to be stirred up over the question, and not in many years have there been so many licenses to carry pistols.

In the United States Circuit Court in Richmond yesterday Judge Waddill entered an order making permanent receivers for the Virginia Passenger and Power Company Messrs. William Northrup and Henry I. Wickham. The lines are controlled by Frank Jay Gould, and the receivers were appointed by his request to forestall the former owner of the electric road, George F. Fisher, of New York, who was pressing a suit in the State courts to secure the appointment of receivers favorable to him. In the same court a petition was filed by the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York asking the court to grant them leave to sue the receivers. The Metropolitan Company is trustee for an issue by the street railway company of \$1,000,000 in 5 per cent. gold bonds. The company failed to pay the interest on these, due last July, and the trustee desires to foreclose.

## Today's Telegraphic News

**Gov. Montague in Demand.**  
Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—Daniel McConville, superintendent of the speakers' bureau of the national democratic committee, has made urgent wire calls on Gov. Montague to speak in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. The Governor is now in southwest Virginia and may go North later.

**From the Seat of War.**  
Birmingham, Eng., Oct. 12.—The Post today states that a telegram has reached a high official quarter in London, from St. Petersburg, declaring that the advance of General Kurapatkin and even the general order issued a few days ago, and signed by General Kurapatkin, were dictated from the Russian capital. The Post also declares that the dispatch states emphatically that General Kurapatkin was peremptorily ordered either to advance and occupy Liaoyang, or return home, Liaoyang, having been designated all along as the winter quarters of the Russian army operating in Manchuria.

London, Oct. 12.—The Mukden correspondent of the Central News wires that the Japanese hold strong positions with a powerful force of artillery and numerous reserves. The battle began on Monday, he says, continued yesterday when every inch of ground was fiercely contested. The Japanese not only maintained their positions, but advanced, taking with heavy firing the Russian positions.

On Monday evening, the Russians retired to the river Shelleche which they recrossed on Tuesday, and resumed the battle. The combatants fought with the stream intervening. Fighting yesterday occurred right across to the north of Yen Tai. The Russian officers and men declare they will only return to Mukden as victors.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—The Russians are now attacking the whole Japanese front, which extends from the railway eastward to Kao Tai Tse. The Russians have lost heavily. General Daniloff, commanding the sixth Siberian division, has been wounded.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—Word was received today of the safe arrival of one of the ships sent to Vladivostok with provisions by the merchants of Moscow. The second ship sent by the merchants was wrecked en route.

Vienna, Oct. 12.—The Russian government has ordered 100 torpedoes from the Whitehead firm.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—Field Marshal Oyama reports today that the Japanese are gaining ground in the battle to the south of Mukden. The Russian attack, he says, has been repulsed.

London, Oct. 12.—News from the seat of war in the east is eagerly read and all sorts of speculation concerning the outcome of the battle now in progress are indulged in. According to Field Marshal Oyama's dispatch, the Japanese appear to have taken the aggressive this morning, and so far as the day's battle has progressed, have been successful, not only in maintaining the positions they already held but have gained some of the ground occupied by the Russians.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—A Russian infantry brigade with 2,000 cavalry and two guns crossed the Taishu river on Oct. 9th in an attempt to strike General Kuroki's flank. The Japanese cut off their retreat. General Kuroki hopes to be able to capture them. This force is probably that under General Mischenko whose absence was reported over night as causing the Russians considerable anxiety.

London, Oct. 12.—A Japanese guardship captured the steamer Fupin, on October 1st, while she was attempting to smuggle enormous quantities of contraband into Port Arthur.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—Heavy guns are dropping shells into Port Arthur harbor. The Russian battleship Retvizan has been damaged. The Japanese officials believe the conquest of the port, though it is proving slow work, is a certainty.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—The battle about Yen Tai raged throughout yesterday until late at night, continuing today. The result is still undecided. The Russians have a heavy force on the right direction in the Taishu river but it is believed the Japanese have checked the Russian turning movement.

**Judge Parker.**  
New York, Oct. 12.—Judge Parker is making arrangements to return to Esopus tomorrow. He will come back to New York Monday in order to keep a private dinner engagement Monday night, and he may remain two or three days while chairman Taggart is in the West. Today, the nominee saw only a few callers, Delancey Nicholl was the first and he was followed by Tomas E. Benedict, of Ulster county, N. Y., where one of the most stubborn fights in the State is promised. Ulster is Judge Parker's own county, and both sides are putting forth strenuous efforts to carry it. Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, is expected either today or tomorrow.

**Postoffice Robbed.**  
Collingswood, N. J., Oct. 12.—Robbers blew open the safe of the postoffice here with dynamite, at 3 o'clock this morning, and carried off \$800 worth of stamps. The sound of the explosion was heard fully three squares away. In less than fifteen minutes, Richard T. Collings, mayor of the borough, W. H. Chamberlain, a druggist, Paul Fries and John Newkirk were on the scene. Newkirk explained that four men wearing white masks had held him up on Haddon avenue, and taken from him an umbrella. They then jumped into an automobile and made off.

**The Episcopal Convention.**  
Boston, Oct. 12.—At this morning's session of the General Convention, a resolution was presented by the committee on canons, recommending that the minimum age for the admission of women to the profession of deaconesses be reduced from 30 to 23. Dr. Huntington, of New York, opposed the resolve, and was taken to task by many delegates for his attitude. The recommendation of the committee, which had previously been concurred in by the House of Bishops, was carried. The question of marriage and divorce was reached at 12:20 o'clock.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.**  
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly

## City Council.

A large volume of business was before the City Council last night. Most of it, however, was of a routine nature. The subject which attracted most interest was the ordinance concerning the disposition of the electric light plant. This measure was sidetracked for four weeks.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**  
Seven Aldermen were present.  
Mr. Marbury, from the committee on streets, submitted a report on a resolution inquiring into the cost of constructing a pavement in front of the Peabody school building and recommending an expenditure of \$75 for the purpose. The report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Marbury also submitted a favorable report on a resolution appropriating \$100 for an extension of the Columbus street sewer upon a petition of Chas. H. Davis. This was also adopted.

Mr. Curtin explained the need of the extension.

A favorable report was also submitted by Mr. Marbury on a resolution appropriating \$150 for extending the sewer from Henry street in the alley north of Duke street to Patrick.

He made a succinct statement of the benefit which would result from the extension. The report was adopted.

Mr. Marbury submitted an ordinance regulating the grade of Patrick street from the south side of Gibbon street to the corporation line, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hill introduced a resolution requesting the City School Board to submit to Council an estimate of the additional cost of conducting the public schools ten months during the present school year. He stated that the schools should be continued as during former years, and gave sundry reasons why the extra appropriation should be made. The resolution was adopted.

The Common Council returned the ordinance in reference to the grade of south Patrick street, that board having referred the ordinance to the committee on streets. The Aldermen adhered to their action and appointed Messrs. Marbury and W. H. Sweeney a committee of conference. They subsequently reported that the Common Council would in all probability concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen by passing the ordinance.

Mr. Marbury stated that he had recently introduced a resolution looking into the erection of a smallpox hospital. The resolution had been referred. Cold weather would soon be upon us, and the need of the building realized. He referred to the fact that hundreds of men are now at work near this city, and contagious diseases would doubtless prevail during the winter.

Mr. Burke said the committee on general laws had not organized. They would consider the matter at an early day.

After concurring in the action of the Common Council on a number of papers the Aldermen adjourned.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**  
The board was called to order at 7:50 o'clock. All the seats except one were filled.

The finance and light committees reported an ordinance providing for the lease of the franchise for electric light and power and the sale of the plant to C. F. Thompson, as heretofore published.

When the bill was on its second reading Mr. Spinks offered an amendment requiring a bond of \$2,000 to prevent the successful bidder from throwing up the contract. He said the ordinance required a bond of \$10,000 to be given in thirty days, but in the meantime the person receiving the contract might sell the franchise from the block or might throw it up, and in the event of the latter the city would again be put to the expense of advertising for bids.

Mr. Bryan defended the provisions of the ordinance, and contended that the city would stand to lose absolutely nothing. He called attention to the fact that \$10,000 is offered for the franchise, \$3,500 for the old plant, which, he claimed, is worth less than \$1,000 now if an incandescent plant is to be installed, and the bidder agrees to pay the city annually 10 per cent. of the gross receipts, the revenues from this source to be not less than \$1,000 per annum.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 7 to 8.

The ordinance was then read a third time.

Mr. Bryan urged the passage, saying that whatever might be the best if the city were able to build a new light plant, the present plan was the best possible now, because the city had reached the limit of debt which it could make under the constitution.

Mr. Williams regretted that he was not more familiar with the subject. He saw several objections to the ordinance and suggested that the matter go over until the younger members could familiarize themselves with the subject.

Mr. Spinks opposed the ordinance as inimical to the public interests, and contended that a special debt for a special purpose was authorized by the constitution and that special bonds might be issued.

Mr. Strauss was opposed to selling any of the municipal franchises to outsiders. To sell the electric franchise would be to make the gas plant unprofitable. He was opposed to it.

city market would suffice to pay the interest on the erection of a new light plant. The committee seemed to desire to depreciate the value of the light works.

Mr. Bryan said that the city could now sell the light franchise. The injunction has applied only to the sale of the light works.

During the discussion, in response to an inquiry, Mr. Baader made the statement that the present electric light plant is liable go to pieces any night.

Mr. Harrison moved to lay the matter over for four weeks and that the ordinance and contract submitted by the committee be published for the information of the people.

The motion was adopted, yeas 8 votes out of fifteen.

The application of the electric line-men for increase of pay of \$2.50 per month was granted.

Mr. Cochran offered a resolution setting forth the fact that none of the local physicians will serve on the board of health without compensation and providing that the three physicians named as members of this board be allowed an annual salary of \$100 each for their services. The matter was referred to the committee on finance and general laws.

Chas. Hantzman was authorized to raise the roof of No. 227 north Royal street, and John Standiford, No. 1010 King street, and G. Kicherer, southeast corner of Prince and Lee streets, were authorized to make the certain repairs within the fire limits.

The action of the Aldermen was concurred in in the following cases: An application of Messrs. Creighton and others for a gas lamp at Queen and Patrick streets; and an appropriation of \$75 to pave unpaved parts of the sidewalk at Peabody building, &c.

Council also concurred with the Aldermen in a \$150 appropriation for a sewer in the alley on Henry street north of Duke and in requesting the City School Board to inform the council what additional sum would be needed to secure a full session of ten months in the public schools for the present school year.

Also authorizing the Alexandria Fertilizer Co., to extend its new building at the southeast corner of Lee and Princess streets 16 inches beyond the building line.

Mr. Spinks introduced the following: Resolved, That a special committee of two members of each board be appointed to wait on the managers of the Alexandria Water Company with a view of securing an improvement in the water supply. The resolution was unanimously adopted and Messrs. Spinks and Harrison appointed the committee.

Mr. Baader and several others asked to be excused from serving, the former stating that he was not a judge of water.

Council, at first, non-concurred in the Aldermen's ordinance fixing the grade of Patrick street south to the city boundary; but after a conference committee, the Council receded and concurred with the Aldermen.

**Mr. Davis in West Virginia.**  
Oakland, Md., Oct. 12.—A brass band and several hundred democrats greeted the Davis special when it arrived here this morning, the first stop of the day. Last night was spent at Piedmont, for years the home of Senator Davis. David B. Hill, Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and former Governor Whyte, of Maryland, speaking partners of Senator Davis, are still resting from the fatigue of 12 speeches yesterday. Senator Davis is keeping up wonderfully well, and says he enjoys meeting the men who worked with him in West Virginia, or Maryland branches of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, years ago.

At Grafton and at other towns, the party was well received.

**Senator Hoar's Successor.**  
Boston, Oct. 12.—Governor Bates at today's meeting of the executive council appointed ex-Governor W. Murray Crane as United States Senator from Massachusetts, to succeed the late George Frisbie Hoar. The appointment is to hold until the legislature which meets in January elects Senator Hoar's successor, to fill the remainder of the term which ends in 1907. Governor Crane has accepted the appointment.

**The New York Stock Market.**  
New York, Oct. 11.—Firmness was exhibited at the start, but general profit taking caused some fractional recessions. Several issues were notably firm. In the industrial group there was a slight dip in United States Steel stock.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by Rudolph F. Bartle, representing the American Society of Plaster Engravers, called at the White House this afternoon to make complaint against the methods of Chief Engraver, Kubell of the Geological Survey. Mr. Kubell, the visitors claim, is violating the Civil Service law which provides that none shall be employed as engravers in the government department except American citizens. Upon request of Mr. Gompers, the President summoned Mr. Kubell to be present when the charges against him were made. After listening to the accusations President Roosevelt directed Messrs. Gompers and Bartle to reduce their charges to writing promising to take the matter up for settlement as soon as possible.

The Lynchburg Horse Show opened last night. Among the entries are horses owned by Messrs. C. H. Smith and C. R. Hoof, jr., of Alexandria; C. W. Smith, of Warrenton, and S. Russell Smith, of Culpeper.

**Saves Two From Death.**  
"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by E. S. Leadbetter & Sons. Trial bottle free.

**Cause of Lockjaw.**  
Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin, as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

## Official.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held October 11, 1904, there were present: J. T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Hill, Burke, Marbury, Ballenger, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney.

The President administered the oath of office to Mr. W. W. Baftenger, Alderman from the Second ward, who was not present at the organization of the board September 1, 1904.

Mr. Marbury, from the Committee on streets, submitted a report on a resolution inquiring concerning the cost of paving in front of Peabody School building, and recommending an appropriation of \$75 for said work, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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A petition of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company for permission to extend their new building on the southeast corner of Lee and Princess streets 16 inches further on the sidewalk was granted.

The following were received from the Common Council when their action concurred in by unanimous vote:

An ordinance authorizing and instructing the Mayor of the city of Alexandria, Va., to execute a contract with Charles F. Thompson and his associates in reference to furnishing light and power by electricity.

Report of the Committees on Light and Finance on a petition of W. H. Harrison and Edward W. F. Creighton, requesting the City Council to authorize the City Council to execute a contract with Charles F. Thompson and his associates in reference to furnishing light and power by electricity in the city.

The board then adjourned.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**  
At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held October 11, 1904, there were present: Hubert Snowden, esq., President, and Messrs. Burke, Hill, Sweeney, Williams, Baader, Hill, Cochran, Patterson, Hellmuth, Harrison, Marshall, Spinks, Uhler and Bryan.

An ordinance authorizing and instructing the Mayor of the city of Alexandria, Va., to execute a contract with Charles F. Thompson and his associates in reference to furnishing light and power by electricity in the city was recommended by the joint Committee on Finance and Light and read the first and second times.

Mr. Spinks offered an amendment that before the ordinance shall be approved by the Mayor the said C. F. Thompson shall execute into bond in the penalty of \$2,000 for the faithful performance of contract, which was lost—yeas, Messrs. Strauss, Williams, Patterson, Hellmuth, Harrison, Marshall and Spinks.

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Upon motion of Mr. Harrison, the consideration of the matter was postponed for four weeks and it was ordered that the ordinance be published for the information of the citizens of Alexandria and members of the City Council—yeas 8, nays 7.

The joint Committee on Light and Finance reported favorably on the petition of Messrs. Wm. H. Harrison and Edward Meade, electric line-men, for an increase of salary of \$2.50 per month, and the report was adopted, yeas 15, nays 6.

A resolution by Mr. Cochran fixing the salary of the members of the Board of Health, at \$100 per year each was referred to the joint Committee on Finance and Light.

A petition from W. F. Creighton and others for a gas lamp at the corner of Queen and Patrick streets was referred to the Committee on Light.

A resolution by Mr. Spinks that a special committee of two members from each board be appointed to confer with the Alexandria Water Company to better the condition of the water supply of the city was unanimously adopted by the joint Committee on Finance and Light. Mr. Harrison was appointed a committee from this board.

The following permissions were granted providing the adjoining property owners do not object:

To Mr. C. Kicherer to repair roof at southeast corner of Prince and Lee streets.

To Mr. John Standiford to reshingle house No. 1010 King street.

To Mr. Charles Hantzman to raise frame kitchen in rear of No. 217 north Royal street.

An ordinance to establish the grade on the east side of Patrick street from the south side of Gibbon street to the corporation line, which was received from the Board of Aldermen, their action non-concurred in and the matter referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Board of Aldermen refused to recede from its action on the ordinance.

Spinks and Strauss were appointed a committee of conference. The committee recommended that Council